Second hand plant for DMT production

2710. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government were reluctant to allow for a second hand plant for DMT production to Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company, Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the company for all the assurances given by them in regard to second hand DMT plant; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The import of second hand plant for production of DMT to M|s. Bombay Dyeing & Manufacturing Co Ltd. was permitted in accordance with the import policy prevalent at the time of import.

(b) to (d) Do Do not arise.

Production of DMT by IPCL

2711. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the actual production of DMT by IPCL, Baroda in each of the last three years;

(b) what had been its cost of production of DMT, including depreciation; and

(c) what was the price of DMT charged by it before and after the raising of import duty on DMT in September, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The actual production of DMT by IPCL in each of the last three years is as under:—

1982-83	22,833 MT's
1983-84	25,059 MTs
1984-85	26,560 MTs

(b) The question regarding cost of production of DMT by indigenous manufacturers has been referred to Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices for conducting a study.

(c) Before the raising of import duty in September 1985 on DMT, IPCL was charging Rs. 19.000|- per MT exworks plus sales tax. After an increase in import duty in September 1985, IPCL has been charging Rs. 21,500|- per Mt effective from 14.10.1985 ex-works plus sales tax with a discount of Rs. 500|- per MT to customers who have entered into a purchase contract, on the quantity to be lifted by them from 14.10.85 to 31.3.1986 subject to their purchasing the contracted quantity for the period October 1985 to March 1986.

Quality of DMT supplied by Bombay dyeing and manufacturing company Limited

2712. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Synthetic Fibre Manufacturers, or any other Association, or any consumers have complained about the quality of DMT supplied by Bombay Deing and Manufacturing Company Limited;

(b) whether Government have sent any expert team to ascertain the quality of its product;

(c) whether its low quality is linked with the technology or with the defective machinery; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. However, Chemicals plant normally take time to stabilise the quality in the initial stages. Report have now been received

that DMT supplied by M/s. Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company Limited is acceptable by users.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Telephone in Frozen telephone exchanges

2713. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to provide telephones in the Frozen Telephone Exchanges after taking 20 to 25 thousand rupees per connection; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Engineering Projects India Limited

2714. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any inquiry in the two projects of the Engineering Projects (India) Limited viz., ABHP in Kuwait and OMBP in Iraq;

(b) if so, the results of the said inquiry;

(c) if no inquiry has been conducted so far, whether that would be conducted now; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Committee on Public Undertakings in its 50th Report has already gone into this matter in details and action in terms of the recommendations of the Committee as accepted by the Government have been taken by the management of EPI/Government.

Grant of rebate on unsold khadi

2715. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Khadi and Village Industries Association has approached his Ministry for rebate on the unsold khadi; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir. Rebate is payable only on Khadi sold.

(b) Does not arise.

RUBBER FOR TYRE AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES

2716. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S.W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total quantity of rubber required for tyre and allied industries in the country in the last three years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that indigenous manufacturers are getting lesser prices than their foreign counterparts; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM):

(a) The consumption of rubber viz. natural rubber and synthetic rubber during